

# The Pulse

January  
2018



## of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

A time of fellowship, information-sharing & celebration

### Learn the “inside scoop”: Annual Meeting set for Sun., Jan. 28

RRPC has had Annual Meetings of the Congregation since January 1957. In keeping with our by-laws we’ll hold our 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Congregation (& Corporation) on the fourth Sunday of January: Jan. 28, 2017 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall.

Following that morning’s sanctuary worship service, a light luncheon will be provided in Fellowship Hall courtesy of our Board of Deacons. Once all have received their food, the Annual Meeting will commence. A printed Annual Report will be available for review following worship on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>.

—Dr. Fancher, Moderator of Session and the Congregation, and Dan McKenzie, Clerk of Session

### 9<sup>th</sup> annual “Alternative Christmas” Charity Bazaar had great impact

Tremendous news: the 2017 Alternative Christmas Charity Bazaar raised \$9,467—10% more than last year! All of that money will be sent directly to the specified charities.

Lots of hands made for light work, and I would like to thank cashiers Jo Noretto, Sue Hoffner, Linda Esdon, Dan Poole, Karol Hoeffler, Nancy Buettner, Marge Bodenhamer, and Jane Doughman; pianist Ann Gilbert; charity liaisons Sara Gresh, Chuck & Donna Erml, Lisa, Emma & Libby Poole (also card/booklet art designer!), Jon Fancher, Sara Doan, Zack Hoon, Chuck & Bonnie Erickson, Karen Jones, Rudy & Bonnie Gulstrand, Dick Heath, Sue & Cami Krizman, Ellen Schickel, Senior High Fellowship, and Aileen and Frank Busher; counter Lisa Poole; the Deacons for hospitality, and Crystal Duffield for printing catalogs and cards. Love one another! —Anne Anderson Busher, ACCB Chair

“They don’t take themselves down, you know.”

### Help “de-deck the halls” Sun., Jan. 7

It’s simple: Stick around after worship on Jan. 7. Help take down and put away Christmas decorations for 30-45 minutes. Then head over for a “dutch-treat” lunch at Mellow Mushroom. Fun!

—Lee Ann Eyre, Deacons’ Decorating Chair

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How everyone shares in being “Presbyterian”

### The importance of a small thing like ‘Per capita’

In essence, *per capita* is a set amount of money per member that congregations pay to the greater Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)—the local presbytery, the regional synod and the national denomination. Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)’s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with the functions of that system.

Like every Presbyterian congregation, RRPC pays *per capita* based on the number of members in the church. **In 2018 we’ll pay \$30.23 x 374 [membership as of 12/31/2016] = \$11,306.02.** That bill is paid in January right out of our church budget.

We ask you to make a special “per capita” gift of \$30.23 multiplied by the number of church members in your household (including confirmed youth).

Your gift is probably a small amount to your household... but \$11,000 is a large chunk for the church! We hope you’ll make this gift during the offering any Sunday in January.

**A brief history** The earliest mention of something like a *per capita* apportionment dates back to the 1700s. In the mid-1800s, a “plan of mileage” was adopted by the General Assembly to defray the expenses of commissioners attending General Assembly meetings so that everyone could be present to participate regardless of distance or financial resources. Over time, *per capita* has been used to fund “ecclesiastical and administrative” functions that are shared by the whole church.

How is the \$30.23 *per capita* allocated?

- About 63% is for our Presbytery of the Western Reserve
- About 11% is for the Ohio/Michigan Synod of the Covenant
- About 26% is for the PC(USA)’s General Assembly

*Per capita* doesn’t have a big “price tag” for us individually, but it’s a significant expense for the church as a whole. Let’s come together to share the load, as described in Exodus 30:11-16 “... the rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less [than the half shekel for the sanctuary] ....”

—John Eyre, Chair, Stewardship Committee

#### Paying “per capita” is like “pitching-in”

for a common purpose similar to

- contributing one’s dish to a potluck meal;
- paying to be connected to the Internet;
- paying for the benefit of utilities like electricity, water, and telephone;
- pitching in with other passengers to pay for gasoline for a road trip.

## From Your Pastor

### The Church is ready for a different kind of resolution

I remember when the “video rental store” was born. My sons remember when it died. Such was the life cycle of a mode of providing access to entertainment material. Less than 30 years. In less than 30 years we started and then ceased to patronize neighborhood—and then national chain outlet—video stores to rent movies and exercise videos and documentaries and cartoons and sports highlight programs. There are still a few video stores, but just a few.

What happened? After all, visual entertainment certainly has *not* died.

- We still enjoy feature-length films (another “Star Wars” movie, anyone?).
- Many still watch weekly serial episodes on broadcast television (like the popular “Younger” on NBC).
- The limited series or mini-series has grown in popularity especially with the ability now to “binge-watch” an entire series in just a day or two (HBO’s “Game of Thrones,” for instance).

Visual entertainment is more popular than ever. But *how* people engage with it today was inconceivable just 30, 20, and in some cases maybe even 5 years ago.

- We can record programs to watch at a later time at our convenience, or to watch repeatedly.
- In our homes we can watch films that used to be seen only in theatres.
- Using desktop or laptop computers, digital tablets, electronic gaming systems or mobile phones we now can view entertainment programming wherever we are, thanks to Wi-Fi®, i.e., wireless connectivity to internet-based media.

[By the way, in the realm of “*Things I learned on the way to learning something else*,” I discovered that “Wi-Fi doesn't stand for anything. It is not an acronym. There is no meaning.” Wi-Fi and [its] logo were invented by Interbrand. [We the] founding members of the Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance, now called the Wi-Fi Alliance, hired Interbrand to come up with the name and logo that we could use for our interoperability seal and marketing efforts. We needed something that was a little catchier than “IEEE 802.11b Direct Sequence”.] [“What does Wi-Fi stand for?” in <http://community.arubanetworks.com/t5/>

Technology-Blog/What-does-Wi-Fi-stand-for/ba-p/256914, accessed 12/26/2017]

My point is this: the desire for visual entertainment programming has not diminished. It's more popular than ever. What *has* changed is *how* that programming is accessed.

- We're no longer at the mercy of when the “Big Three” broadcast networks want to schedule their programs (yes, children, at one time there were *only 3* national television broadcast networks!).
- We can see movies whenever we want even after they've left the movie theatres.
- And we no longer have to trudge over to a “video store” to look through aisles and aisles of shelves displaying videotape or DVD cases of programming that we must rent and return under fear of Late Fees.

Movies and shows and video clips are still a meaningful part of our lives. It's just that the way we engage with them is different than it used to be. We've adapted to changes in the environment of entertainment production and formatting. We've learned new terms, new processes, new tools in order to be relevant to the world we find ourselves in.

And yet, to a large degree, most Christian congregations operate as if we're still living in the 1930s.

It's undeniable that the worldwide Christian Church is undergoing a shift as monumental as the one happening to entertainment technology. The inspiration and guidance and comfort and motivation of faith have never been more potent. What is changing is *how* and *how often* and *when* people engage with the faith dimension of their lives. The kinds of experiences people find to be worshipful are changing. So are some of society's needs the Church is being asked to address.

But most churches still operate with the mindset akin to that mystical mantra from the movie “Field of Dreams” that “If you build it, [they] will come.” So we long-time church members scoff at the church-ignoring public; we resolve to do what we've always done, believing that if people are keen enough to perceive the value inherent in being involved with a church... they will come.

But that's not the result most congregations are finding these days. Since most churches measure their “success” by membership, it's no secret that most congregations—and national denominations—have seen consistent numerical decline for the last 50 years. *50 years!*

Are we failures? Is what we do without value? No. But the environment in which churches exist has been changing rapidly,

significantly and permanently. Yet we stand our ground because, as you well know, “That's the way we've always done it,” whatever “it” is.

Who needs to adapt to these changes occurring in the society in which we live? The Christian Church. The Presbyterian Church (USA). The local congregation. RRPC and other churches.

Whoa! Adapt?!? Change?!? What have we done wrong?

Well... perhaps... just perhaps we've not listened carefully enough for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit trying to lead us toward new opportunities.

We believe God became Flesh in our world in Jesus the Son, right? And we believe God birthed Christ's Church into the world to make a difference in people's lives for God's sake. Right? But now the world we live in finds it easy to ignore the church. Why? Because in the eyes of many, what we do and what we say doesn't seem to relate to them, to the struggles of their daily lives.

So as a church, what might God's Holy Spirit want us to be about? How can our church be an even greater difference-maker in our community and in the world?

These are questions that many churches in our presbytery are going to be exploring this year. Individually, about 15 congregations are devoting the next six months to engage in a “season of vitality and renewal” to seek to discern what God is calling us to become “for Christ's sake.” This won't be a bunch of boring strategy sessions. We'll have lively church community events, spirited worship and Bible study, thoughtful discussion and prayer. Some of your fellow members will be part of a team facilitating this Vitality & Renewal process. They and I will do this in partnership with “Ray,” a consultant our presbytery has engaged who has a great deal of experience in guiding churches through times of prayerful discernment.

Every voice and every spirit will be vital contributors to this discernment process for the sake of our congregation's vitality and renewal. I'm excited to see how our congregation takes flight and soars as we uncross our arms and embrace the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. *Soli Deo Gloria!*—to God alone be glory!





January Birthdays

January 2	Dave Cook
January 3	Tom Roos
January 5	Lance Wilson Beth Erml
January 6	Maddie Dillon
January 7	Bob Murphy
January 8	Dawn Gorman
January 10	Ross Brochhagen Hilary Watts Emma Clark Erin Lavelle
January 12	Gretchen Koch Linda Esdon
January 13	Jessica Koberg
January 15	Marcella Myers Lee Anne Eyre Joel Solak Melanie Fredrickson
January 17	Lisa Watts (Mrs. Bryan Watts) Owen Stickney
January 18	Evan Jennings
January 19	Bob Davis Jack Lavelle
January 20	Marty Heath Carol Jenkins
January 21	Alaina Watts
January 24	Sandra Hovan
January 25	Thomas Kennedy
January 26	Susan Penning
January 30	Bud Jones

**\*\*If your birthday is missing from our birthday list, please contact Office Administrator Crystal Duffield at: [info@riverpres.org](mailto:info@riverpres.org) or (440) 333-4888.**

Please refer to the website calendar for any updates which may post after the published Pulse date. Thank you.

**Church directory changes....**

1. Change Brenda Fahrenkopf's name to **Brenda Peterson.**
2. Delete the home phone number for Jon & Mary Fancher.  
Add these cell numbers to your directory:
  - Jon: (440) 263-8872
  - Mary: (440) 263-8873

—Church Office

**Artist Concert Series presents...**

**The music of the Beatles to fill our church!**



Beloved by every generation in the last fifty years, the Beatles are coming to RRPC's sanctuary! Well, at least their music is, at 3 p.m. on Sun., Jan. 21 thanks to Joel Keller.

Known as the "Doc of Rock & Roll," retired podiatrist Dr. Joel Keller has used the freedom of retirement to pursue his love of music. He has created programs on performers as well as on the history of the Rock music genre for Baldwin Wallace University's Institute for Learning. "Dr. R&R" has presented at universities, community centers and schools all across the area.

In this lively interactive program you'll hear why the grandfather of five is so passionate about the music that shaped 20<sup>th</sup> century America. "And in the end..." you'll be saying, "Doc, 'I wanna hold your hand!'"

**Easier for you, more assurance for RRPC**



**Stop! Don't write that check!**

How many monthly payments do you make electronically?

Add your monthly church offering to the list—you can save the time and trouble of writing your offering check every month, and you won't have to wonder, "Did I remember to make that gift?"

Our Financial Secretary Dave Wolfe can assist you with setting up a monthly Electronic Fund Transfer from your bank account directly to the church. It's secure, easy and free:

- ⇒ Only one simple form to fill out
- ⇒ No fees to pay
- ⇒ You can adjust or stop the EFT at any time.

For information, just email or call our Financial Secretary Dave Wolfe at (440) 333-4888 or [dwolfe@riverpres.org](mailto:dwolfe@riverpres.org).

—Stewardship Committee

**A benefit to support summer youth mission trip**  
**It's almost "spaghetti time!"**

Let the kids do your cooking on Sunday, Jan. 21 when our youth fellowship groups present their Spaghetti Dinner Benefit. The meal will be served in Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit our middle-school and high-school youth participating on the summer youth mission trip to Hamilton, Ohio. Tickets will be sold after worship beginning January 7, or you can purchase your tickets that night at the door.



**Help our kids help our neighbors**  
**"Souper Bowl of Caring" Sun., Feb. 4**



[www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on after worship on Sun., Feb. 4. It's their annual participation in the national event called "Souper Bowl of Caring." They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for local missions helping children and adults who

are hungry and hurting.

All of the money collected is donated to the local missions (RRPC's will go to the Rocky River Assistance Program). None of the money is sent to Souper Bowl of Caring organizational headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced.

Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, kids have collected more than \$165 million to help people in need! Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 4.

**Reserve your child's spot now!**

**Summer youth mission trip set for Sun., June 24—Sat., June 30**

Are you looking for a meaningful way for your teen to get involved in a mission project this summer? Consider signing them up for our youth mission trip.



During the week of June 24-30, kids from our church will join a "work camp" developing "grit" and new skills in our kids! We'll be performing home repairs for senior citizens and impoverished homeowners in southwestern Ohio. The work camp is sponsored by Group Mission Trips, a youth-focused organization with tremendous experience in these activities. "Group" stages well-organized work camps that are open to youth from many Christian denominations from anywhere in the US. Our kids will have a chance to work with and get to know youth and adults from other areas of the country.

The trip is open to any youth who has completed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The list cost for the trip is \$464 per participant, but we will be hosting several fund-raisers (Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Supper, Car Wash) to help defray that cost. We have reserved 8 spots for youth, and have the potential to reserve additional spots if warranted by registrations filed by Easter.

If you are interested in having your teen join in, please contact Lisa Watts to reserve a spot because space IS limited! A \$50 deposit will reserve a space. You can get more information from Lisa or you can visit the Group website to learn more at [www.groupmissiontrips.com](http://www.groupmissiontrips.com).

**If you'd like to help SPONSOR a youth participant (in whole or part) for this summer's mission trip, contact Dir. of Christian Ed. Lisa Watts or Pastor Jon Fancher.**



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** at **12:00 p.m.** at the church in the West Room. If you have questions you may contact Carolyn Watilo 440-799-4779 or Nancy McGillicuddy 440-724-1738. Newcomers are always welcome!

### Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will meet on **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** in the West Room. All are welcome! If you have any questions you may contact Gretchen Koch or Sara Gresh .

### Expressions of Faith

Our group will only meet **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** and **23<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:30 a.m. in Room D-3,4. We welcome anyone who knits or just enjoys a cup of coffee with friends. For more information contact Mary Murphy (440-785-8614).

### Koinonia

Join us **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parlor for Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study Group. Our prayer time is personal and confidential within the group, with no obligation to pray aloud. Questions may be directed to Jane Doughman, Nancy Clash, Jo Naretto, Elizabeth Richmond, or Carolyn Watilo.

### Women of Grace

We will meet on **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in room D- 3,4. If you have any questions you may contact Lisa Watts.



### Wondering how to serve your church?

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is ramping up its recruiting effort for 2018. The CNC is charged with identifying and enlisting members for service in a variety of roles: **Ruling Elder** on Session -- six representatives for three-year terms; **Board of Deacons** -- eight representatives for three-year terms, and; **Congregational Nominating Committee** -- two at-large representatives for two-year terms. This year, there will also be a special short-term opportunity to serve our faith family in a **Vitality & Renewal Initiative**, sponsored by the Presbytery at the local congregation level. More on this exciting initiative will be forthcoming.

How can you help? First, if you have questions about any of the positions, their function, time commitment, etc., please reach out to any of the CNC Representatives (below). Second, if you feel called to service in any of these roles, let us know! And third, if you feel someone you know in the congregation would be an appropriate nominee, let us know!

In the coming weeks, representatives of the CNC will be available to speak with following Sunday Services. You'll also have an opportunity to submit nominations for consideration – yourself or others – anonymously. Being actively involved in the spiritual life and mission of Rocky River Presbyterian Church is rewarding, appreciated, and FUN! It is also a responsibility...

**1 Peter 4:10** *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

Thank you for your consideration. **Jim Penning**, Chair  
 Kathy Hartzell      Chuck Erml  
 Gretchen Roche      Rudy Gulstrand  
 David Hensel      Bob Murphy

## RRPPreschool news

### Registration now open for the 2018-2019 school year

Registration for our Rocky River Presbyterian Preschool is now open to the general public. Any child, ages 2½ through pre-kindergarten, may be enrolled in one of the half-day programs at RRPPreschool.

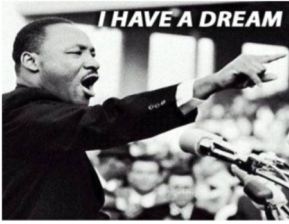
### If you ever buy food, you can help our preschool!

Your purchases at Giant Eagle grocery stores can mean “free money” for RRPPreschool. Through their “Apples for the Students” program (“AFTS”), each time your Giant Eagle Advantage Card is scanned through March 16, 2018, your purchases can automatically earn funds for RRPP.

You just need to “enroll,” and that’s easy:

1. Sign up at [GiantEagle.com/AFTS](http://GiantEagle.com/AFTS)
2. Provide RRPP’s “school ID” which is **6013**.
3. (This doesn’t take away your “Fuel Perks.”)

That’s it!



## JANUARY 2018 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

### DISPLAYS:

New books  
Martin Luther King Day



### NEW ITEMS FOR CHILDREN:

#### **New Christmas books that were displayed in December:**

- A Christmas Carol (Charles Dickens)
- The Crippled Lamb
- Pennsylvania Dutch Night Before Christmas

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E WIL

#### **Picture Book Fiction:**

##### God Bless Our Fall

BOARD HAL

Zip up your jacket and look around at God's colorful blessings of fall- s'mores, hayrides, jumping in leaves, and more to enjoy with your family.

##### THREE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOOKS (sale proceeds benefitted that organization)

##### Building Friends

E KID

Rosa's family is new to the neighborhood, and she loves to watch people from the treehouse. One day Matthew rides his bike into the empty lot next door and helps her fix up her treehouse. At the same time HH volunteers begin building a house there. The act of working together not only puts up structures, but also builds friends.

##### Doorway to the World

E KID

HH has selected Ben and his parents to be International Partners. They explain that they will travel to other countries, live with people there, and help them build decent houses. He isn't sure he likes the idea. What about his town and his friends? That night, he has a wonderful dream, sending him on a trip that changes his life.

##### Raising the Roof

E KID

One day David's parents can't take him to the park because they volunteered to help at a HH project. They leave him at the church playground to play with other children, but he decides to build something of his own. As his project takes shape, he meets friends and learns the fun of sharing and the joy of building things together.

##### The Velveteen Rabbit

E WIL

This edition of the story, based on a PBS video, will be enjoyed by all. By the time the Velveteen Rabbit is worn out and about to be burned, he has given up hope of ever finding the magic called Real. "When a child loves you for a long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real."

#### **Young Elementary Nonfiction Books: (yellow dot)**

##### The Goodbye Boat

j155.9 JOS

Saying goodbye to someone you love is always hard. Saying goodbye when someone you love dies is perhaps the hardest thing of all. This book for young children explores the pain and grief of saying goodbye, and provides a message of hope that sadness will ease and that death is not the end.

### NEW ITEMS FOR ADULTS:

#### **New Christmas books that were displayed in December:**

- Home for the Holidays: Stories and Art Created for the Benefit of Habitat for Humanity FIC HOM
- The Christmas Town FIC VAN

HAPPY READING AND VIEWING!!

(All descriptions have been taken from book jacket, title page verso, or review article)

## Healthy Happenings

## ... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

Greeting! Have you ever considered getting a professional driving assessment? A driving assessment can help you recognize and correct possible shortcomings to help you continue driving safely. Think about getting a professional driving assessment the same way you look at visiting your doctor for annual wellness check-ups; this is a smart way to identify and manage any physical or mental changes. Professional driving assessments generally fall into two categories: **driving skills evaluations** and **clinical driving assessments**.

A **driving skill evaluation** includes an in-car evaluation of your driving abilities and a recommendation regarding any further specialized drivers' training. **Clinical driving assessments** are used to identify underlying medical causes of any driving performance deficits and offer ways to address them so driving remains a safe option.

Consider getting a comprehensive driving skills evaluation or clinical driving assessment if:

- ◆ You are concerned that your driving skills may have diminished over time.
- ◆ You have concerns regarding results of informal self-assessments, such as Drivers 65 Plus.
- ◆ You have been diagnosed with a medical condition known to impact driving ability such as impaired vision, dementia, diabetes, seizures, sleep disorders and strokes.
- ◆ You have experienced a recent increase in near-misses, "fender-benders" or minor crashes .
- ◆ Friends and or family have suggested that you may not be fit to drive.

Conducted by state-licensed and trained driving instructors, in-car driving skills evaluations can provide a relatively quick and inexpensive check-up. Results may:

- ◆ Show that your driving skills are adequate and current, with no need for specialized drivers' training.
- ◆ Reveal deficits that could be addressed with specialized drivers' training.
- ◆ Lead to a recommendation for a clinical driving assessment by an occupational therapist driving rehabilitation specialist.

Clinical assessments by trained specialists are the best way to learn the true level and cause of a decline in driving health. In some cases, getting a clinical driving assessment can help you to decide if you should continue to drive and if so, under which conditions. Results may:

- ◆ Show you are perfectly fit to drive without restrictions.
- ◆ Indicate you would benefit from extra training or need special adaptive vehicle equipment.
- ◆ Reveal that you are no longer safe to operate a motor vehicle.

If you are interested in getting a professional driving assessment, it's important to understand the options. Two major types of trained professionals can provide skills evaluations or clinical driving assessments: driving skills evaluators and occupational therapist driving rehabilitation specialists. The services provided by each may seem very similar, but they are distinctly different.

- ◆ Occupational Therapist Driving Rehabilitation Specialists (OT-DRSs) plan, develop, coordinate and implement driving services for people with disabilities or have one or more medical conditions that affect driving.
- ◆ They are medically trained in the science of occupational therapy, which permits them to better understand progressive medical conditions and life changes that can affect driving.
- ◆ OT-DRSs also may have backgrounds in driver education, physical therapy, kinesiotherapy or psychology.

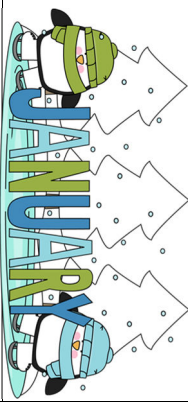

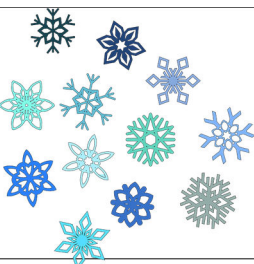
Clinical driving assessments are best if you have a broad spectrum of physical and cognitive disabilities, including dementia, stroke, arthritis, low vision, learning disabilities, limb amputations, neuromuscular disorders, spinal cord injuries, mental health problems, cardiovascular diseases and other causes of functional deficits.

Components of a clinical driving assessment:

- ◆ The actual clinical driving assessment including, but not limited to, review of personal medical history and a cognitive assessment).
- ◆ Functional/on-road assessment including, but not limited to, adherence to traffic rules and regulations, and consistent use of strategies to compensate for visual, cognitive, physical and behavioral impairments.
- ◆ Treatment and intervention including, but not limited to, adaptive driving instruction or specialized drivers' training, with or without vehicle modifications.

Sources: AAA Senior Driving and the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Physician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>7 Communion / Food Sunday / KISS</b>            9:00 a.m. Adult Education            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship            11:35 a.m. De-Deck the Halls            11:35 a.m. Children's &amp; Youth Choirs            11:45 a.m. Mission Committee Mtg.            7:00 p.m. High / Middle School Fellowship</p>	<p><b>1 New Year's Day</b>  <b>Church office closed</b>            7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p><b>2</b>            8:30 a.m. Three Arts Club of Lakewood Board Mtg.            7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen</p>	<p><b>3</b>            10:00 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg.            6:15 p.m. Worship Committee            7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p><b>4</b>            6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal            7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b>            7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Sarabuck's)</p>	<p><b>6</b>            7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes</p>
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<p><b>14</b>            9:00 a.m. Adult Education            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship            11:35 a.m. Children's &amp; Youth Choirs            11:45 a.m. Evang. &amp; Membership Committee            12:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat begins            7:00 p.m. High / Middle School Fellowship</p>	<p><b>15 MLK Day</b>  <b>Church office closed</b>              2:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat returns to church            7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.            7:30 a.m. Session Mtg.</p>	<p><b>16</b>            7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen</p>	<p><b>17</b>            10:00 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg.            7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p><b>18</b>            7:00 a.m. North Coast Health Bd. of Trustees Mtg.            6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal            7:00 p.m. PW Priscilla Circle Mtg.            7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b>            7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Sarabuck's)</p>	<p><b>20</b>            7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes</p>
<p><b>21</b>            9:00 a.m. Adult Education            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship            11:35 a.m. Children's &amp; Youth Choirs            3:00 p.m. ACS Presents: Music of the Beatles            5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner</p>	<p><b>22</b>            7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p><b>23</b>            9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith Mtg.            7:00 p.m. PW Women of Grace Mtg.            7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen</p>	<p><b>24</b>            10:00 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg.            10:00 a.m. RPPC Staff Mtg.            7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p><b>25</b>            8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study &amp; Breakfast            6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal            7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b>            7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Sarabuck's)</p>	<p><b>27</b>            7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes</p>
<p><b>28</b>            9:00 a.m. Adult Education            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship            11:35 a.m. Children's &amp; Youth Choirs            11:45 a.m. Annual Congregational Mtg.            7:00 p.m. High / Middle School Fellowship</p>	<p><b>29</b>            7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p><b>30</b>            7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen</p>	<p><b>31</b>            10:00 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg.            7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>			



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*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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